[30th March 1959

Famine in Vridhachalam taluk

* 1074 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was an acute famine in Vridhachalam taluk, South Arcot district, in 1958–59;

(*b*) whether the Collector of the district had recommended to the Government for giving relief to the affected people; and

(*c*) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) It has not been reported that famine conditions prevailed in Vridhachalam taluk. Owing to the failure of the north-east monsoon, however, drought conditions prevail in the taluk.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) The Government have granted the following concessions in respect of the lands under the Wellingdon Reservoir affected by adverse seasonal conditions in Vridhachalam taluk :—

(i) Full remission of assessment in respect of all dry lands with an outturn of four annas and below;

(ii) Full remission in respect of the lands which are usually irrigated with the water of the reservoir and which were left waste this year for want of water;

(iii) Postponement of the collection of loan instalments falling due this year to next year, i.e., from 1st February 1959 to 31st December 1959 for the villages served by the Wellingdon Reservoir; and

(iv) Remission of full water cess on lands with an outturn of four annas and below.

Bridge across Pennar

* 1075 *Q.*—SRI M. SELVARAJ : கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

சென்னை-மதுரை (trunk road) பாதை 104-வது மைல் 6-வது பர்லாங்கில் வெண்ணையாற்றுக்குக் குறுக்கே கட்டப்படுகின்ற பாலம் எப்பொழுது முடிவடையும் ?

THE HON SRI P. KAKKAN : The bridge work proper has been completed. The approaches to the bridge are expected to be completed by the end of March 1959.

Price of yarn

* 1076 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) இப்போது கைத்தறி கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கங்களுக்கு ஸப்ளை செய்யப் படுகிற வெவ்வேறு நம்பர் நூல்களின் விலைகள் என்ன ?

(ஆ) மார்க்கெட்டில் இந்த நம்பர் நூல்களின் விலை என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement* showing the prices of yarn supplied to Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies by Madras State Handloom Weavers Co-operative

* Printed as Appendix V on page 931 infra.